The Prophet of Doom and Hope

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
Jeremian: Prophet of Doom and Hope
Lesson for October 19, 1980
Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 31
Focal Passages: Jeremiah 31: 1-3, 29-34
A Prophet Emerges

Prophets are essential to any society. They help us look at ourselves and our actions. Though they are not always heeded or taken seriously, they nevertheless serve as voices, whose words are not always pleasant to the ear.

The test of a true prophet is whether what they say actually comes true or not. Some prophets are doom oriented while others prophesy both doom and hope. Jeremiah was of the latter type. He called a spade a spade yet preached hope to those who would live in obedience to God.

Jeremiah came on the scene during the reign of Josiah, king of Judah. It was Josiah who restored temple worhip and made Jerusalem the nation's center of worship. But Josiah's reform was not without flaws. Following Josiah's reign, the nation slipped back into apostasy. King Nebuchadnezzar of Egypt conquered Jerusalem and took many people into capitvity. Jeremiah was among those who were taken captive. He was later allowed to return and to begin his messages of warning.

Chapter 7 is a stirring example of Jeremiah's warning of punishment. This chapter has often been labeled as Jeremiah's "Temple Sermon." In this sermon Jeremiah argued that the covenant promises had been broken time and again by the people. It seems that some of the people and the king believed that divine favor was bestowed regardless of whatever sins were committed. Jeremiah dispelled this notion as a lie and called on the people to return to obedience and to the Mosaic Law.

There's something else about prophets, namely, they are not always accepted nor liked. Oftentimes there are those who seek to hush the prophetic voices even if it means killing them. Jeremiah was marked for death by some who did not wish to hear his words of doom.

Doom vs. Hope (Jer. 31: 1-3)

Jeremiah was not a totally negative person. His messages contained both judgment and hope. He consoled the people with a hopeful message that if they would repent and follow the covenant conditions, things would go well for them. Jeremiah reminded the people that God's love is an everlasting love, that he would be faithful to the covenant he made with them from Abraham onward.

The great thing about God is his willful love for his people. Like a loving father/mother, God maintains and "open arms" policy to welcome his wandering children home.

Jeremiah was chosen by God to become his spokesperson because of his compassionate spirit. Jeremiah was burdened for his people and their sinfulness. It's comforting to have those people around who call us to task out of love and concern. Jeremiah loved his people and sought to direct them on the paths of obedience and adherance to the covenant.

A New Covenant (Jer. 31: 29-34)

The people of Judah had reached a place of personal and spiritual bankruptcy. In a sense, the people were "incurably ill." They were suffering from a disease known as disobedience. The remedy for the people's illness was a radical change of heart.

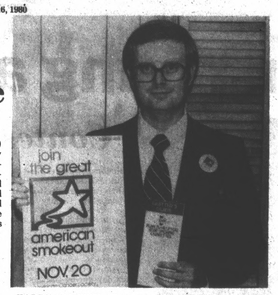
This new remedy or covenant would be "written on the heart" and not on clay tablets. The new covenant was to become a "religion of the heart." In other words, this new covenant would mean a personal faith based upon God's forgiveness and mercy.

The experience of the early Jewish people should be a clear warning to us moderns. The conditions of God's covenant are as binding for us as it was for the people in the days of Jeremiah. And added to that earlier covenant is the addition of him who later came and said, "This is my blood of the new testament (covenant), which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Living according to the covenant of God in Christ enables us to live life both abundant and eternal.

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnkam Hospital in Champaign, Ill.

Bible and Daily Living



HARRY RANSON, Honorary Chairman, The Great American Smokeout, sponsored by the Appomattox Unit of the American Cancer Society, has pledged to "GIVE UP SMOKING" for one day, Nov. 20. "Join me, let's give up smoking for just one day. It could become a habit . . . a good one!"
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The Pastor Speaks

By REV. G. E. HUGHES
Oak Bank Baptist Church

When the mother of James and John came to Jesus asking for prominent places in his kingdom for her sons, Jesus used it as an opportunity to teach the difference between the wrong kind of ambition and the right kind of ambition. She said, "Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one of thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom" Mathew 20:21.

Ambition is an essential motivation in life and is necessary for service. Jesus did not rebuke their ambition but he rebuked the purpose of their ambition. The person who has no ambition to help anyone certianly will not be of help. He knew that the mother and her sons wanted the positions as places of prominence and self importance which should not be the aim of ambition. In the conversation that followed he taught the motivation essential to the right kind of ambition. He asked them if they were able to drink of the cup that he would drink. The cup represents living the Christian life. It represents the discipline, struggle and sacrifice necessary in following Jesus.

And then he taught them that true greatness does not consist in sitting on a throne and having others bow to you, but true greatness lies in serving others. He said, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" Matthew 20:27. True greatness does not come through serving self. It comes through serving others. Dr. E. M. Poteat expresses it this way:

Carve your name high
above shifting sand,
Where the stedfast
rocks defy decay;
But all you can hold in your
Cold, dead hand
Is what you have given away

Build your pyramids
Skyward, and stand
Gazed at by millions:
Cultured, they say:
But all you can hold in your
cold, dead hand
Is what you have given away

Conquest and gold and fame;
Ah how grand!
King of the salon
the mart, a day--
But all you can hold in your
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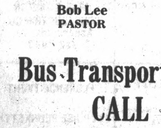

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Buckingham schedules event

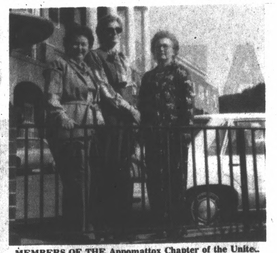
The first Buckingham Forest Festival will be held Saturday, October 18, 1980 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Buckingham County High School Campus. The celebration is being sponsored by the Buckingham Ruritan Club to recognize the contribution made by the forest industry to the quality of life in the region.

Forest related activities are a key factor in the economic, social and environmental well being of Buckingham and surrounding counties. Over 200,000 acres, 80% of the total land area in Buckingham County, are covered by forests. Twenty-two percent of the area's work force is employed in forest related vocations. Buckingham's forests are being used wisely, with the rate of forest growth exceeding timber harvest.

The Forest Festival promises something to appeal to everyone. Planned competition includes cross-cut sawing, bow sawing, axe chopping, chain-saw cutting, log rolling, fire fighting and tobacco spitting. The fire fighting event has contestants with fire fighting backpack pumps trying to extinguish the lighted cigars of other contestants. The last contestant with a lighted cigar wins. There will be commercial and educational exhibits. Companies manufacturing timber harvesting equipment will display their products. A variety of entertainment will be featured, including country music and carving wildlife figures with a chain saw. Craftsmen producing wood products will also exhibit and sell their wares. An assortment of foods will be available throughout the day. Prizes will include a fireplace "wood stove" insert, chain saws, tools, and several truck loads of firewood.

The Ruritans have been encouraged by the widespread support for this event. Area forest industries, wood processors, The Virginia Forestry Association, State and Federal conservation agencies, local businesses and other community organizations are all sponsoring festival activities.

This community effort comes at the beginning of what Congress has designated as NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK through Presidential Proclamation, "to promote awareness of the many ways our vast forestlands provide products necessary for our daily needs....and to recognize the thousands of men and women who have devoted their lives to managing this valuable renewable resource." Come out and enjoy The Buckingham Forest Festival which should prove to be a fun filled day with something for everyone.



MEMBERS OF THE Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy who attended the annual Virginia Division Conference held at Natural Bridge Hotel last week are shown above. They are Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., Appomattox Chapter President, Mrs. T. M. Cunningham, Third District chairman, and Mrs. Alton Moore, secretary of the local chapter.
Third District, which comprises fifteen chapters of which Appomattox is one, received the honor of having more members attending the convention than any of the seven districts of the state. The award was made Thursday evening during the 85th anniversary celebration of the organization. Mrs. Cunningham accepted the award.

Jordan News

The Ladies Club will meet Friday night at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to be present.

On Saturday beginning at 2:00 p.m. come by and buy your supper.

The NAACP Queen Contest will come to a close Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Jordan Baptist Church.

Church business meeting will be held Tues., October 21, at 8:00 p.m. All church members are urged to attend.

On the fourth Sunday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. the Men's Club will be observing Men's Day, Rev. E. M. Taylor and the Watkin Bros. will be their guest.

On the first Sunday night in Nov. at 7:30 the Usher Board will be celebrating their anniversary. Their guest will be the Rev. E. M. Taylor and one of his choirs.

Hazel Moon

The end of a 'very narrow way'

by FRANCES H. PAULETTE

On February 1, 1981, Hazel Moon will come to the end of a 'very narrow way', a way that came to her clearly in a vision so many years ago. Since 1947 she has served as missionary nurse in Africa and is now on furlough at her home on Transco road here in Appomattox County.

Even before Hazel Moon graduated from high school in 1932, she knew she wanted to be a nurse, but her mother didn't think nursing was the right career for her daughter to pursue. In fact, Mrs. Moon was 'dead set' against Hazel going into the field of nursing, but Hazel held onto her dream.

After graduation from Appomattox High School, Hazel Moon went to work in the Craddock and Terry Shoe Factory in Lynchburg. She lived in Lynchburg during the week and came home to the farm on weekends.

"There were two things I always disliked.....the city and math," laughed Hazel as she told of her battle with math courses in high school and later on in college.

Hazel loved working with young people in the church during fifth school and when she was working in Lynchburg but she felt this wasn't nearly enough to do for her Lord. She spent much time in prayer asking over and over again for God's guidance in her plans for the future. She got her answer in such a way that there could be no mistaking about the direction her life must take.

"One evening I was praying, on my knees, beside my bed," said Hazel with a serious look on her face, "I was asking, again, as I had asked so many times before, what the Lord wanted me to do in service for Him. While I was praying, I had a vision. It was just as plain as could be: I saw before me two ways. There was a broad way.....a very broad way and there was a narrow way, a very narrow way. At the end of this narrow way there were black people, lots and lots of black people, and I knew where the Lord was leading me. My future was in Africa as a missionary nurse. Of this I could be sure."

After the vision which gave Hazel the reassurance she needed, she got busy. Her first step was to go to the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg and talk with the hospital administrator.

"I want to be a nurse," she explained, "more than anything else in the world, but I am afraid I have a problem. I am out of the habit of studying. I just don't know where to begin."

Her cousin, Rev. William Moon suggested Ferrum College and Hazel began to make plans. She had $100.00 saved; she had been giving a portion of her earnings from the shoe factory to her mother each week to help with the expenses at home. So, she gave $50.00 of her savings to her mother and kept the other fifty for herself. (Her mother later returned the money to her daughter).

With $50.00 in her savings account and a lot of faith in her heart, Hazel left for Ferrum where she participated in a work scholarship. She explained she could only go for one year, however, when the school found out she planned to be a missionary, she was given a missionary scholarship and was able to complete two years.

While at Ferrum she met and became friends with three returned missionaires and this relationship made her even more sure of her future.

Following Ferrum, Hazel entered nurses training at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond.

When I went away to school, my father said, 'You're headed for the insane asylum!' but after I became a missionary and came home on visits, he proudly introduced me as his 'missionary daughter.'

Hazel attended Richmond Professional Institute, (then an extension of William and Mary College) before going to Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. All of this training was getting Hazel ready for the big job ahead of her.

In 1947 Hazel went to Iwo, West Nigeria.

"Africa is truly a beautiful place," said Hazel as she spoke with so much love of the country and the people she came to know and love.

"To me," she continued, "the people are the real attraction. I identified with them completely."

For approximately 20 years Hazel worked with victims of Hansen's Disease, so named because of the Norwegian scientist who discovered the bacteria responsible for the dreaded sickness, 'leprosy'. Many of the people she helped had only one leg, some of them no fingers, many of them blind as a result of Hansen's disease.

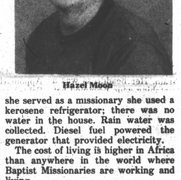
"We hesitate to use the term 'leprosy' because of the stigma attached," explained Hazel.

The first house Hazel lived in was a mud house; it was plastered inside and out with cement. During the 83 years she served as a missionary she used a kerosene refrigerator; there was no water in the house. Rain water was collected. Diesel fuel powered the generator that provided electricity.

The cost of living is higher in Africa than anywhere in the world where Baptist Missionaries are working and living.

When Hazel Moon, the daughter of the late David Pleasant Moon and Mary Dean Moon, first had a glimpse of the 'narrow way' in her vision, little did she know of the hardships, the hard work that lay ahead. Had she known, it wouldn't have made any difference. She would do it all over again.....gladly.

What will retirement mean to Hazel Moon? Certainly not a life of leisure, days of doing nothing. Work and service has been a part of her life so long, Hazel will continue to do just that.....work and serve, one way or another.



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Rescue Squad

Fund goal near

The Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad needs $2,700 more to meet its fund-drive goal of $15,700 for this year, according to rescue squad spokesman Ray Noble.

As of press time Tuesday, the total donated or pledged had risen to $12,999.31. Noble said.

The rescue squad fundraising drive will last two more weeks, Noble added.

He expressed thanks to the community on behalf of the rescue squad for their support volunteer squad, and encouraged anyone interested in making a donation to contact any member of the rescue squad before the drive ends Oct. 31.

Changes okayed in school calendar for 1980-81 year

Changes in the 1980-81 school calendar were approved at the regular meeting of the Appomattox County School Board Wednesday.

"The School Board," said Lloyd Walton, Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools, "has worked to make changes in the 1980-81 school calendar in order to accomodate students. By setting November 17 as work day for teachers rather than November 7 as originally scheduled, students will be out of school and able to enjoy the first day of hunting season. In addition, schools will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25."

Walton continued, "We hope that since we have worked to get these changes that will accomodate students we in turn expect students to strive for better attendance during the school year."

Days lost because of inclement weather will be made up as follows: First day, June 4; second day, June 5; third day, June 8; Fourth day, June 9; and fifth day, June 10.

In other business, the Revised Student Attendance Policy which was reviewed at the September meeting was approved.

Principals appearing from each of the schools in the Appomattox County School system presented optimistic reports. Such reports indicate that students and parents seem to be much more interested this year than in previous years in working with the schools in the interest of the student.

It was also pointed out that school personnel are uniting their efforts in a more effective manner this year to insure that students understand their responsibilities and that they not only understand these responsibilities but that they receive assistance in assuming them.

It was noted by the principals that the respective school staffs are emphasizing regular school attendance, effective communication with parents, students and collegues and effective teaching and learning.

The Adult Education Program is offering twelve adult classes with a total enrollment of 206 persons. The Adult Education Program offers an excellent opportunity for many individuals who did not receive a high school diploma to work toward the GED and it also provides opportunities for other persons to up-grade their skills in a variety of areas.

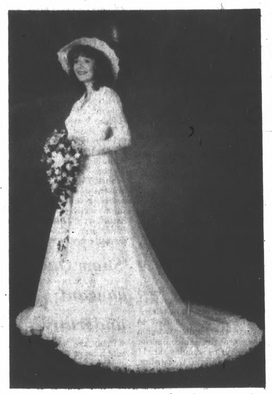

photo by Joe Vaughan

Mrs. William Jeffrey Woodson

Miss Porton is wed to Mr. Woodson

The marriage of Miss Susan Carol Porton to Mr. William Jeffrey Woodson took place at 7:30 Saturday evening, October 11, at Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox. The Rev. Rex J. Bennett, pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ann Nomecha Porton of Appomattox and the late Elton Frances Porton of Idabel, Oklahoma.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter Woodson of Lynchburg.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her brother, Michael E. Porton of Appomattox.

The bride was adorned in white chantilly lace and silk organza fashioned into a jacket gown with a fitted bodice and full flowing skirt ending in a chapel length train. Her headpiece was a matching wide brimmed hat with a finger tip length veil.

Miss Terry Lynn Moore of Appomattox was her cousin's maid of honor. She wore a burgundy floor length gown with a matching hat and carried a cascade bouquet of silk roses and carnations.

Other attendents were Mrs. Michael E. Porton, of Appomattox, sister-in law of the bride and Mrs. Kris Kuhlhen of Madison Heights, cousin of the bride. Their attire was identical to that of the honor attendent.

Miss Jane Townsend of Newport News, neice of the bridegroom was the flower girl and wore a pink floor length dress. Master Mark Blume of Charlotte, N. C., cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Mr. William Carter Woodson was his son's best man and ushers were Mr. Jeffrey T. Porton, brother of the bride, Mr. Robert Holt, uncle of the bridegroom, both of Appomattox, Mr. David Mason, and Mr. Gary Campbell, both of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Helen Carwile of Madison Heights, great aunt of the bride, provided a program of traditional wedding music on the piano. Sharron Gillium, Susie O'Neil, Gail Mayberry and Steve Worsley all of Lynchburg were vocalists.

Miss Kelly Renee Moore of Appomattox, cousin of the bride and Miss Angela Kocher of Lynchburg presided at the registers.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's mother entertained, with a reception in the church fellowship hall. Mrs. Patsy G. Moore of Appomattox, aunt of the bride, was hostess.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by Thalhimers.

The bridegroom is a graduate of E. C. Glass High School and is employed by A & P Foods.

After a southern wedding trip, the couple will live in Lynchburg.

Methodist men to have supper

On Friday, October 17 from 5:00 until 7:00 the United Methodist Men of the Memorial United Methodist Church will have a pancake and sausage supper, all you can eat for $2.25 for adults. Children under 12, all you can eat for $1.50.

Head on down to the Fellowship Hall of the church, eat your fill and then head on over to the homecoming football game.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craddock of Virginia Beach spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson, they attended Railroad Day on Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Craddock and Mr. G. W. and Eddie Craddock of Virginia Beach spent Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Janie Chernault.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hiram O'Brien, Ms. Coni Kierney and Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold O'Brien all of Richmond, were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Noble.

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Mrs. Charles Fraley spent the weekend at Harrisonburg as guest of her daughter, Miss Marie Fraley, a student at James Madison University.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Moses Jr. of Baltimore, Md. recently visited in the home of the family of Mrs. Don Moses.

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Mr. and Mrs. George R. Kruer had lunch with her mother Mrs. Irving Moses on their way home to Arlington, Va. after spending a month at Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Coleman visited their aunt, Mrs. Irving Moses.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mott and daughter, Jeniffer Courtney of Blacksburg spent the weekend in the home of her mother, Mrs. Frances H. Paulette.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Clapp of Richmond spent the weekend in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Clapp of Evergreen.

Miss Maxwell to wed Mr. Jones

Mrs. Virginia Maxwell, wife of the late Arlis Maxwell of Appomattox is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter, Martha Ellen to Ronald Hunter Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Jones of Spout Springs.

Martha is a 1979 graduate of Appomattox High School, and is employed at Farmers National Bank.

Ronald is a 1975 graduate of Appomattox High School and is employed at Meredith-Burda.

The wedding will be an event of Nov. 15, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. at Hollywood Baptist Church.

Although no invitations are being sent, all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Parties honor Miss Stanley

A surprise pounding shower was given Miss Jan Stanley on Thursday, October 2, 1980, at the home of Ms. Susan Bailey.

Hostesses were Ms. Bailey, Mrs. Betty Conner, Mrs. Ann Poe, Miss Wanda Browder, Mrs. Rose Richardson, Mrs. Carolyn Richardson, and Mrs. Donna West.

Mrs. Harry B. Stanley, mother of the bride-elect, was present.

Miss Stanley will be wed to Mr. Kevin Collins of Lynchburg on Saturday, October 18, 1980, at 11 a.m. in Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox.

Miss Jan Stanley was honored Saturday, October 4, 1980, when Mrs. Frances Hill of Appomattox and her daughter, Jane, of Virginia Beach entertained at the Hill's home on Evergreen Avenue with a linen shower.

Assisting in caring for the guests were Mrs. Hill's sisters, Mrs. Lucille Ferrell of Appomattox and Mrs. Beth Evans of Lynchburg.

Attending were Mrs. Harry B. Stanley, mother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Mayme Cheatham, grandmother of Miss Stanley; Mrs. James Collins, mother of the groom; Mrs. Debra Patrick, sister of the groom; Mrs. Diane Collins, sister-in-law of the groom; and friends of the honoree.

The marriage of Miss Stanley to Mr. Kevin Collins of Lynchburg will take place Saturday, October 18, 1980, at 11 a.m. in Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox.

Miss Jan Stanley was honored with a lingerie shower on Sunday, October 5, given by Ms. Debra Chernault, Ms. Pat Hudson and Mrs. Gay Cole at the home of Mrs. Cole.

Guests included Mrs. Jeanne Stanley, mother of the bride-elect, Mrs. Mayme Cheatham, her grandmother and friends of the couple.

The wedding of Miss Jan Stanley to Mr. Kevin Collins will take place on October 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Liberty Baptist Church.

Homemakers club to meet Tuesday

The Appomattox Homemakers Club will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the Memorial United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall.

Members are urged to make plans to attend; bring recipes and flower clippings for exchange.

Miss Luvenia May Bailey
Mr. Reuben Nathaniel Wheeler

Miss Bailey will wed Mr. Wheeler

Mrs. Bernice Bailey of Appomattox announces the engagement of her daughter, Luvenia May, to Mr. Reuben Nathaniel Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Wheeler of Madisonville, Va.

Miss Bailey is a 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed by Armstrong Furniture, Inc.

Mr. Wheeler is a graduate of Randolph-Henry High School and is presently serving in the United States Marine Corps in Hawaii.

The wedding ceremony will take place Saturday, December 20, at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Hixsburg at 3 p.m.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Births announced

Stuant and Janice Justus of Appomattox have a new baby girl.

Jennifer Marie Justus was born Oct. 6 at 5:10 a.m. in Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg.

She weighed six pounds, nine ounces at birth.

Jennifer, the first daughter of the Justuses, has one brother, Scott, age four.

Maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Murphy. Paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Justus all of Grundy, Va.

Emmitt and Debbie Knight are proud to announce the birth of their son, Christopher Emmitt, born Oct. 1, 1980 at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Christopher weighed five pounds, 10½ ounces and was 19½ inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Puckett of Spout Springs.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Knight of Appomattox.

Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Annie Puckett of Spout Spring. Paternal great-great grandmother is Mrs. Janie Mayberry of Spout Spring.

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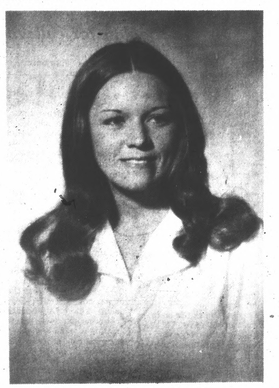

Miss Brenda Darlene Garrett

Miss Garrett will wed Mr. Harlow

Mr. and Mrs. David T. Garrett, Sr. of Evergreen, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Darlene, to Thomas Allen Harlow, Jr., the son of Thomas A. Harlow, Sr. and Mrs. "Joyce Bogan of Richmond.

Miss Garrett is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and Longwood College, Farmville. She is employed by the Chesterfield County School System.

Mr. Harlow is employed by Philip Morris Inc.

The wedding is planned for November 15 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Evergreen Baptist Church. Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

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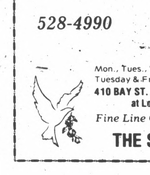

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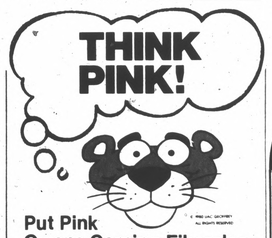

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